

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

WEDNESDAY, THE 31ST OCTOBER 2007 / 9TH KARTHIKA 1929

WP(C).No. 31364 of 2007(H)

PETITIONER:

ABDUL KAREEM, S/O.AHAMMED,
MUSALIYARAKATH HOUSE, PUTHUR,
TIRURANGADI TALUK, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.SUNNY MATHEW

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, TIRUR.
2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MALAPPURAM.
3. THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOTTAKKAL POLICE STATION.
4. THE KOZHINJAMPARA GRAMA PANCHAYATH,
PALAKKAD DISTRICT,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.
5. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
SECRETARIAT, TRIVANDRUM.

R1 TO R3 & R5 BY GOVT. PLEADER SMT. M.K. PUSHPALATHA.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 31/10/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

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W.P. (C) No. 31364 OF 2007 H
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Dated this the 31st October, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner complains that a mini lorry bearing registration No. KL-01-G-5506 has been seized by the respondents on the allegation that the vehicle was involved in unauthorised transportation of river sand. Complaining of inordinate delay in the finalisation of the proceedings, petitioner seeks release of the vehicle. Since the statutory authority, the District Collector, is to finalise the proceedings against the vehicle in terms of Rule 27 of the Kerala Protection of River Banks and Regulation of Removal of Sand Rules, I am not inclined to pass an order directing release of the vehicle at this stage. Therefore, I dispose of this writ petition directing the 2nd respondent to finalise the proceedings in respect of the petitioner's vehicle in terms of Rule 27 of the Rules as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within 10 days of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

Petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment before the 2nd respondent for compliance.

**ANTONY DOMINIC
JUDGE**

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